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TORRANCE TO HONOR THE ARMED FORCES AT THE 48TH ANNUAL ARMED FORCES DAY CELEBRATION ON MAY 18-20

Torrance, Calif., May 1, 2007 – The tradition continues on May 19, 2007 as the City of Torrance marks the 48th consecutive year it has hosted an Armed Forces Day Celebration and Parade. This year, the City will once again honor the men and women of our nation's military with a three-day celebration beginning on Friday, May 18 continuing through Sunday, May 20 with the Parade highlight on Saturday, May 19 that will begin at 1:30 p.m.

During this weekend, the following events will occur in the City:

Military Exhibits: Military exhibits on display, including aircrafts, vehicles, support equipment at the **Del Amo Fashion Center parking lot** between Acapulco & Macy's (previously Robinson's May) on **May 18 & 19 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and on May 20 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Sunday.**

Free Concert: The **United States Air Force Band of the Golden West** will perform for free at the **James Armstrong Theatre** on **May 18 at 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.**

Parade: **48th Annual Armed Forces Day Parade** will run along Torrance Boulevard from downtown Torrance and end at the City Hall on **May 19 at 1:30 p.m.**

This year's Grand Marshal, General Kevin P. Chilton of the United States Air Force, will lead the parade of over 50 entries from active and reserve military units from the five branches of the Armed Forces. In addition to being the honored branch, the United States Air Force is also celebrating its 60th Anniversary this year. The parade will also include flyovers by military aircraft and will have military vehicles of all descriptions; Humvees, armored personnel carriers, support vehicles and main battle tanks will also rumble down the streets of Torrance. Additionally, military and elected dignitaries will honor the hundreds of military service men and women as they pass in review.

With the continuing challenges we face worldwide, it is expected that record-breaking crowds will witness this act of honoring the sacrifices of our service men and women in the City of Torrance, which was made possible partly through the generous donation of the Del Amo Fashion Center/Mills Corporation. The community is invited to gather along the parade route and cheer for our sons, daughters, friends, husbands and wives who have been called to duty in defense of our nation's beliefs and principles and to secure a more peaceful world.

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